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SUBJECT: MINTOFF INVITATION

REF.: VALLETTA 1223

1. MINTOFF PROMPTLY REPLIED OCTOBER 15 TO ELLSWORTH THROUGH EMBASSY OF MALTA. AS YOU SUSPECTED, HE REJECTED ANY DISCUSSION OF SIXTH FLEET BUT RENEWED INVITATION. DOD HAS ASKED US TO DRAFT RESPONSE, AND OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT REPLY SHOULD BE FRIENDLY BUT LEAVE POSSIBILITY OF VISIT OPEN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS BY STADIS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MINTOFF LETTER: "DEAR MR. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COURTEOUS AND PROMPT REPLY. AS A PERSONAL FRIEND, YOU KNOW HOW VERY IGNORANT I AM ABOUT MILITARY MATTERS. THIS IS A FIELD IN WHICH I EXPECT TO BE ENLIGHTENED BY YOUR GOODSELF.

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FOR MANY MONTHS WE HAVE UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO GET

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SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO LISTEN TO OUR INTERPRETATION
OF MEDITERRANEAN TRENDS AS SEEN FROM A NON-ALIGNED BUT
FRIENDLY TINY STATE.

IT SEEMS NOW THAT WE HAVE ALSO FAILED TO CONVINCE YOU TO
LISTEN TO WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

IF A CONDITION FOR THESE HEART TO HEART TALK IS THE
INCLUSION IN THE DISCUSSION OF "THE REVERTIBILITY OF
MALTA TO ITS FORMER ROLE OF PORT OF CALL FOR THE US FLEET"
THEN INDEED THIS FRIENDLY DIALOGUE CANNOT BE HELD.

THAT MALTA SHOULD BE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SIXTH
FLEET IS NEITHER POSSIBLE NOR DESIRABLE.

I STILL BELIEVE THERE IS A LOT OF COMMON GROUND ON
WHICH NALTA AND THE U.S.A. CAN BUILD THEIR FRIENDSHIP
BUT I DO NOT THNK GETTING YOU HERE UNDER FALSE PRETENSES
WOULD HELP ESTABLISHING NEW AND STRONGER BONDS.

IF THEREFORE, YOU COULD ACCEPT TO WAIVE THIS SIXTH FLEET
CONDITION, YOUR VISIT HERE WOULD NOT ONLY BE FRUITFUL
BUT ALSO MOST WELCOME. YOUR FRIEND, DOM MINTOFF, PRIME
MINISTER. WITH KINDEST REGARDS. SIGNED (V.J. GAUCI)
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. INGERSOLL

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